

# Two Out of State Men Arrested During Traffic Stop- Dover

**Dover, DE-** Delaware State Police arrested two out-of-state men following a traffic stop Thursday night.

On June 24, 2021, at approximately 10:03 p.m., a trooper conducting proactive traffic enforcement on northbound South DuPont Highway in the area of Webbs Lane initiated a traffic stop on a white Honda Accord for an expired New York registration. Upon contact with the operator, **Joshua S. Perez, 23, of Pascagoula, MS**, and the 25-year-old male passenger of Bronx, NY, a strong odor of marijuana was detected. A criminal investigation ensued, and a search of the Accord was conducted. Located inside were a loaded Stoeger STR 9C handgun and a small black container containing marijuana.

Perez was taken into custody without incident and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3, and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Expired Tags
- No License in Possession

Perez was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$7,700.00 secured bond.

The 25-year-old passenger was issued a civil violation for Possession of Marijuana and released.

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